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## **Man Pleads to Threatening High School in West Covina**

A 22-year-old man has pleaded no contest for threatening to shoot up South Hills High School in West Covina last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Eric Neff said Dereck Peña of West Covina entered the plea yesterday to one felony count of criminal threats in case KA119502.

Peña was immediately sentenced to three years formal probation, was ordered to stay away from the school and his ex-girlfriend for five years and to participate in mental health counseling.

On Nov. 7, 2018, Peña, who was a former South Hills High student, communicated threats of violence against the school to an ex-girlfriend, the prosecutor said. The ex-girlfriend notified the authorities and the school was evacuated.

The case was investigated by the West Covina Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.